

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masami ADACHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Poc

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For

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING AND SHAPING RUBBER

BAND MEMBERS

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

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Sir

A telephone requirement for restriction was made in connection with the above-identified patent application on January 30, 2004.

The undersigned confirms that in response to that telephone requirement, a provisional election was made to prosecute Group I, claims 1-6.

Said provisional election was specifically made with traverse since no basis therefor has been set forth in the written record.

Respectfully submitted,

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